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Flames in High Wind Raze Truscott Home

BY H. M. L. JR.

The Truscott home on Nevada street was almost completely demolished yesterday afternoon by a raging wind-forced fire which started from a defective chimney flue, and gained considerable headway before anyone noticed it. The fire was discovered at about 3:30 by Francis Hamblyn, a guest at the Legg residence, two houses above the Percy Truscott home. A alarm was turned in, and the fire dapartment arrived shortly afterward. As the flames whipped by a snappy breeze, crept along the ridge of the roof, neighbors carried out most of the furniture and valuables out of the house. The house is owned by Lyman B. Gilmore, of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

For a time it looked as if the blaze would engulf all buildings on that side of Nevada street down to High street.

The flames, in spite of the efforts of the volunteer firemen, utterly destroyed the upper story of the of the house and burned the lower floor almost to the ground. The home of Vincent Foley, just below the Truscott home was endangered, as the roof began smoking. The Foley house was saved from destruction by the timely arrival of the second fire engine.

Credit for their energetic service is due to the volunteer firemen who left their Sunday diversions to attend to the serious business of fire fighting. Among the volunteers were: Myers Mobley, Lloyd Penrose, Superintendent of Streets Herbert Hallett, Fire Chief Emil J. N. Ott, and others. They were helped by numerous neighbors, who attacked the flames with axe and water along with the regular firemen.

The fire trucks arrived before four o'clock and did not depart until after five-thirty.

Chief E. J. N. Ott wishes to thank the Grass Valley Fire Department for standing by.

POLICE CHIEF FINDS GOOD USE FOR WHISKEY

It was cold this morning, teeth chattered and chillblains itched and ached. Garfield Robson, police chief and staff, was building a fire in the city hall. The blaze was slow to start. "If I had a little kerosene"—the chief mused. And then the bright idea. He tramped down stairs and released the usual overnight Sunday drunk who had been the city's guest, and as he departed the chief frisked him. There was a half pint of unconsumed whiskey concealed on the inebriate's person. "You won't need this now," advised the chief. "You're going straight for a while." Then back to the backward fire in the stove. The whisky flask was dumped into it. There was a flash and a roar. "Some of these days you'll blow all of us up," declared Frank Wright.

STREET LIGHTING RATES CUT 10 PCT. BY P. G. E.

Substantial reduction in street lighting rates was announced today by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Effective with the March bills for this service to municipalities, rates will be reduced approximately ten per cent below present charges.

The reduction applies to all street lighting facilities owned by the company in incorporated cities and towns in P. G. and E. territory, which covers some 37 counties of central and northern California.

Savings realized by municipal governments from the new lower rates will amount to considerable sums annually. In San Francisco, where the reduction recently was made public by the city authorities, the saving to the city will total approximately $108,000 per year.

One effect of the reduced cost of street lighting, it is expected, will be increased illumination of streets which will decrease traffic hazards, prevent accidents and in general increase the public safety.

C. O. P. FROSH WIN OVER MERCHANTS 41-38

One of the most exciting basketball games of the season was played on the Armory Hall floor Saturday night when the College of Pacific freshmen team nosed out the Nevada City Merchants 41-38. Both teams were "hot," and displayed a neat, accurate floor game, with expert passing on both sides. The score was knotted at 23 all at half time, but at the close of the game theStockton boys drew ahead to win. The game was very fast and very clean all the way through.

E. C. UREN VISITS PLACER CO. MINE

E. C. Uren, mining engineer of Nevada City, made a recent business trip to the Sligar mine near Greenwood, Placer county. He stated that the Gold Fields Consolidated, which has bonded the Silver Queen mine at Mojave, has taken a bond on the property north of the Sligar mine and is also doing development work on the Mayflower mine above Forest Hill.

FOURTH ELKS' BOWLING TOURNEY STARTS TONITE

The schedule for the Fourth Elks' Bowling Tournament has been released and now presents a change in the personnel of the teams. The new tourney gets off to a flying start tonight with the Hoge team playing the Wiedauf outfit in the opener.

Although the Curnow team won the last round, the Hoge boys claim a moral victory since they beat Curnow in the challenge rounds last week, and won a dinner to boot.

The new teams and schedule follows:

Team Roster

HOGE TEAM

Hoge 147, Jackson 145, Haddy 137, Clark 133, Kopp 120. Total 682.

WIEDAUF TEAM

Wiedauf 143, Schiffner 141, Kjorlie 126, Merriam 123, Murphy 140. Total 673.

FORTIER TEAM

Fortier 15[illegible] Tamblyn 150, Penrose 128, Arbogast 119, Mobley 147. Total 697.

RICHARD TEAM

Richards 152, Rurbin 118, Huson 145, Johnson 144, Skeahan 134. Total 693.

SCHEEMER TEAM

Scheemer 129, Bigelow 137, Randall 100, Stambaugh 129, Wright 153. Total 648.

CURNOW TEAM

Curnow 157, Scheck 122, Schreiber 127, Reed 147, Finnegan 107. Total 660.

Schedule of Games

FIRST WEEK

Feb. 25, Hoge vs. Weidauf. Feb. 26, Fortier vs. Richards. Feb. 27, Scheemer vs. Curnow.

SECOND WEEK

March 4, Hoge vs. Fortier. March 5, Weidauf vs. Scheemer. March 6, Richards vs. Curnow.

THIRD WEEK

March 11, Weidauf vs. Richards. March 12, Scheemer vs. Hoge. Mar. 13, Curnow vs. Fortier.

FOURTH WEEK

March 18, Richards vs. Hoge. March 19, Fortier vs. Scheemer. March 20, Curnow vs. Weidauf.

FIFTH WEEK

March 25, Scheemer vs. Richards. March 26, Weidauf vs. Fortier. Mar. 27, Hoge vs. Curnow.

DR. NANNEY SETTLES HERE

Eugene H. Nanney, a graduate from two western chiropratic colleges, and sister, have taken rooms and opened an office in the Powers building on the corner of Pine and Spring streets. Mr. Nanney is much impressed with Nevada City and believes it is one of the bright spots of California after a trip through a large portion of the state.

P. G AND E. SUIT TO ENJOIN MINING CONCERNS OPENS

The trial of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company vs. several mining properties along the Bear River, opened in Auburn today. It is claimed by the P. G. & E. Company that the mines in their operation are polluting the Bear River water for irrigation and other purposes. The P. G. & E. Company is asking for an injunction.

JANUARY LIQUOR TAX TAKES DROP

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25.—Sharp decline in beer and wine sales at the close of the holiday season is revealed from the beverage tax assessment roll for January, completed here today by the State Board of Equalization.

Last month's tax on beer and wine was based upon a total gallonage of 4,190,298.5, as contrasted with 5,322,930 gallons taxed in December. This marked a decrease of 1,132,631.5 gallons, or 21 per cent.

Beverage taxes for January, computed at 2 cents per gallon, are announced by the Board as $83,805.97, as against $106,458.60 levied last month. Although this marks a decline of $22,652.63 in the state revenue from this source, it is $7,8830.29 more than the amount of the beverage tax for January, 1934.

California beer and wine account for 94.7 per cent of the total tax assessed. This preference for local products is found both in beer and wine sales since 92.5 per cent of the beer sold in California was produced here. Imported wine was accountable for only one-half of one per cent of the total beverage tax.

"ARE WE ISOLATED" IS TOPIC OF DR. TULLY C. KNOLE'S TALK TONIGHT

The Woman's Civic Club cordially invites the public to hear Dr. Tully C. Knoles, President of the College of the Pacific, talk on a topic most vital to all thinking Americans tonight at the Elk's lodge rooms. Dr. Knoles who is a great student of international affairs and has studied social and governmental conditions in Europe has chosen as his topic "Are We Isolated?" No doubt Dr. Knowles will arouse great deal of thinking in those who hear him talk whether or not he answers the question asked in the title.

Dr. Knoles is known througout the nation as a proponent of peace and has served on several commissions to study the subject. He was on a commission to study conditions in Russia after the Bolsheveiks had introduced communistic government. He has been in most of the capitals of Europe and studied those forces that make for peace or war.

A musical program will proceed Dr. Knole's talk. Mr. Thomas R. Caldwell will render several violin selections accompanied by Mrs. Raymond, of Grass Valley. Mrs. P. Bonner will sing several solos and be accompanied by Miss Minnie Brand. There is no admission charge.

EXCELLENT ORE FOUND ON GREENHORN CREEK

S. M. Jackson and Frank F. Droltz who own the Two Jack quartz property on Greenhorn Creek report that they have encountered a 12 foot ledge of which an eighteen inch streak runs $72 gold per ton, according to assays made. In addition to the gold values the ore also yields three ounzes in silver per ton. The property is eight miles east of Nevada City and two and a half miles south of the Lava Cap's Central mine. The two partners have run a tunnel of about 55 feet and have sunk a shaft 40 feet deep. Their claims were formerly known as the Kitts property.

A group of Camp Fire Girls, of Ahdenah group, of Nevada City were entertained by Wecando group of Grass Valley on Friday afternoon.

STATE BUILDING ACTIVITY SHOWS SHARP UPTURN

Building aitivity in California showed the most spectacular increase of any of the accepted indexes of business during the month of January, according to the Bank of America Business Review. The state as a whole showed a building gain of 74.1 per cent over the like month last year.

Stimulated by the Federal Housing campaign, forty cities out of 53 reporting throughout the Western states showed fine gains in January of this year over the first month of 1934, while seven out of eight Western states reporting showed net gains in building permits.

In California, favorable weather conditions have permitted an outstanding record in home modernization work throughout the winter months, while Eastern states have been hampered by climatic difficulties.

Major percentage increases in the value of building permits issued in California cities during January as compared with a year ago, are as follows:

Alameda, 668.3; Alhambra, 509.6; Bakersfield, 423.0; Berkeley, 327.9; Beverly Hills, 105.4; Los Angeles, 123.1; Modesto, 292.4; Oakland, 228.5; San Francisco, 85.3; San Luis Obispo, 12233.3; Santa Barbara, 210.9; Santa Monica, 287.5; Santa Rosa, 414.5; Stockton, 208.6.

Bank of America's index of Far Western Business in January stood at 63.7, an increase of 1.3 per cent above January 1934, and 18.4 per cent ahead of the depression low recorded in March, 1933, but a decline of 1.8 per cent from December of 1934. Between December 1933 and January 1934 the index dropped 0.7 percent and a year previously the decline was 1.2 per cent.

California's retail sales last month increased 10.2 per cent over January, 1934, with fifteen San Francisco stores gaining 6.88 per cent; ten Oakland stores, 16.2 per cent; eight Los Angeles stores, 9.4 per cent and six Southern California stores outside Los Angeles, 12 per cent.

Continuing the pick-up in sales volume that has been evident throughout 1934 in the agricultural areas of California, ten stores in Central California cities and towns reported a net increase of 21.4 per cent in retail sales last month over the preceding January. Increased farm income accounts for the upturn the Bank of America Business Review reports.

California farm prices in January, as indicated by 24 basic commodities were at 86 per cent of the 1910-1915 average, a gain of almost 9 per cent over December 1934. Bank debts last month were 6.88 per cent ahead of the previous January in this state.

Business failures in California during 1934 were 18 per cent less than in 1933 and liabilities of defaulting firms were 20.9 per cent lower than in the preceding year.

NATIVE OF RIDGE DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

A member of a pioneer Ridge family, George Edwards, born at Moore's Flat, passed away in San Francisco on Friday, February 22. The deceased was 66 years old. He left for San Francisco about forty years ago but has made many visits to Nevada City. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Foley and Miss Francis Edwards, both of San Francisco.

PEACE DISTURBER

Andrew Hooper, miner, of Grass Valley, was arrested Saturday night at the Peardale dance for disturbing the peace. He is alleged to have engaged in a free for all fight there, and was taken to the county jail by under sheriff William Woods. His case will be heard before Judge Morehouse, of Grass Valley some time today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shaw and son Hale, of San Francisco and Mr. W. Connolly, of San Francisco, spent the week end in Nevada City. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are the parents of Miss Lois Shaw who teaches the first grade at Washington school.

Hydraulic Parlor to Hold Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee anniversary of Hydraulic Parlor, N. S. G. W., of Nevada City, will be celebrated tomorrow evening, Tuesday, in the local lodge room. Charter members of this organization will be guests of honor along with California grand officers. All former members of the lodge are cordially invited to participate.

Hydraulic parlor was named fifty years ago, when the new process of tearing down the hills with monitors and extracting the gold from earth and gravel was one of the newest inventions in the world.

Following the ceremonies and the program there will be a ravioli and chicken dinner served at the Union Hotel, which by the way is one of Nevada City's historic hostelries.

Quartz Parlor, of Grass Valley, the Downieville Parlor and the Sacramento Past Presidents assemblies are among the invited guests.

Those who have signified their intention of attending the Golden Jubilee of Hydraulic Parlor are: Grand President Charles A. Koenig, Grand Secretary John T. Regan. Among those invited and who are expected are Hartley Russel, second Grand Vice President, F. F. Veal, sheriff of Contra Costa county for 44 years, Past President C. A. Dodge, Grand Trustee Charles H. Spengemann.

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Chester Scheemer, chairman, Miles Coughlin, Carl J. Tobiassen, Joe O'Neil, E. J. Baker, R. L. P. Bigelow, and Dr. C. W. Chapman.

TRAVELING CAT FEEDS ON NORTH STAR RATS

Tommy is a plain, little, gray cat, who has become the friend of the large force of miners in the North Star mine in Grass Valley. While there are two or three cats in the lowest levels that stay there all the time, Tommy travels, waiting for the truck, jumping on and off as he likes whether there are men on it or not. For the most part he lives on the 4,00 level but often goes to the 6300 level. Once in a while he goes to the 5200 where there is another Thomas cat and has a fierce fight and is glad to get back again. He often goes to the number two shaft on the 8200 level and stays two days exploring a 4000 foot tunnel, later appearing at station 40.

Rats are plentiful in the mine and he can kill them whenever hungry. He is fussy over what is fed him by the miners, not caring for salami, but when called he comes pell mell and is delighted with milk.

At station 40 there is a large electric light, with a shade over it, right over a large desk. Tommy spends many hours sleeping under the light only a few inches from him. He gets angry when the miners push him off the desk where it is warm.

FUNERAL HELD FOR S. H. HUCKINS, SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERAN

Funeral services were held yesterday in Grass Valley for Shebley H. Huckins, 58, Spanish American War Veteran, who ended his own life in North San Juan last Friday. Interment was in the North San Juan cemetery.

Relatives stated Huckins had been despondent over ill health. They said he had been ill since he returned to North San Juan, his birthplace, from services in the Spanish American War in 1898.

Huckins fired a 22 calibre rifle bullet through his head. His body was found by relatives in the rear of his home.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huckins, pioneer residents of the North San Juan district.

He leaves four children, Alvin E., Donald and Miss Rita Huckins, of Yuba City and Miss Lucille Huckins of Sacramento. Henry W. Huckins, of North San Juan is a brother and Mrs. Eva Coverdill and Mrs. Lucille Anderson of Berkeley are sisters.

JOHN BEST, FORMER GRASS VALLEY MERCHANT, IS CALLED BY DEATH

John Best, well known retired Grass Valley merchant died today at his home in Grass Valley. He, at one time was proprietor of the shoe store where Pengelly's store is at present. He was 77 years old and his death was caused by heart trouble. He leaves his wife Armanda Best, and two children. Funeral services will be held at the W. R. Jefford Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. A. L. Pratt offidiating. Graveside funeral services will be in charge of the Grass Valley lodge of I. O. O. F.

N. I. D. VS. P. G. & E. SUIT POSTPONED TILL MARCH 25

Trial of the $199,000 damage suit of the Nevada Irrigation District against the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, scheduled to open in the superior court here today, has been postponed at the request of the defendant until March 25th.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS IN ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Leslie Sweeney, high school music director, presented his band and orchestra in a concert at the Nevada Theatre last Thursday evening. The theatre was fairly well filled, and Mr. Sweeney directed with his usual vigor. The orchestra played the following numbers: "On the Bridle Path," by Mattern; "Tales from Vienna Woods," by Strauss; "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," by Leon Jessel; "I Would That My Love," by Mendelsoohn, and "I'm Writing You This Little Melody," by Anson Weeks, and "N. C. 4," a march by F. E. Bigelow. Mary Warnecke played a clarinet solo, "The Gondolier."

The band played "Officer of the Day," a march by R. B. Hall, "The Spotlight", an overture by L. Brockton, "Hungarian Dance No. 6," by J. Brahms, "Home Sweet Home the World Over," by J. B. Lampe, and "Lights Out," by E. McCoy. Mr. Sweeney and Cecil Schiffner played a trumpet duet, "Nip and Tuck," accompanied by Marshal Giselman. Franklin Tuttle played a saxophone solo, "Polka," by Webb-Deville.

HEAD ON COLLISION CAUSES INJURIES

Two local couples in a 1926 Pontiac returning from the Ski Course Sunday afternoon, met a car at the corner of Coyote and Washington streets in front of the Calanan house just after crossing the bridge. The car turned into the bank to avoid hitting the on-coming car, throwing Francis Willey through the windshield, breaking the windshield, window, and babdly injuring the car. Mr. Willey suffered a deep gash just below an ear, his left ear was cut off, upper lip cut, and a six inch gash on the scalp. He was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Calanan and after calling Dr. A. H. Tickell was removed to the Nevada City Sanitarium where the doctor put his ear in place and took a number of stitches to close the cuts.

GREEN MOUNTAIN TUNNEL

Norman and Charles Kistle, of Nevada City, are reopening the old 400 foot long Green Mountain tunnel, which lies on the south side of Deer Creek, across from the Bellefontain eproperty of E. J. N. Ott. A big mineral formation with quartz stringers carries assays of $6 per ton at the old price of gold.

Miss Dorothy Tamblyn, who was bridesmaid at the Hocking-Boreham wedding in Grass Valley Saturday evening, has returned to the College of the Pacific in Stockton, where she is a student.

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PUT ONE IN EVERY TOWN

Sacramento is having a great time over the proposal to set up several regional colleges throughout the state to decentralize the University. Although the Sacramento Junior College is one of those selected to elevate to the dignity of full college standing, Capital citizens themselves are not united in favor of the project. One of the departments is being charged with everything from mayhem to treason. Majority sentiment in the Capital, it is safe to say, favors the plan, although how Sacramento would stand if its own colleges were not affected is another story.

Many doubt the feasibility of a costly system of state colleges, especially at this time. The University has been gaining prestige and increased recognition for the high standard of work done there, and friends of the University see in the scheme danger of tearing down the University until it becomes just one among a great many state schools, instead of the outstanding institution that it is. But even if the proposal is practical as an eventual development, taxpayers may well ask where the money is to come from for a new crop of colleges, expenses of which would be vastly increased through revenues wrung some way from the state.

If California should decide to go ahead with such a program, why should four or five hand-picked junior colleges be selected for elevation, leaving the others in their present status? If we are going to dot California with institutions of higher learning why not advance the standing of all junior colleges except those in close proximity to the University or its southern branch?

A very good case could be made out for including Yuba County Junior College on any preferred list. This has been designated as one of the essential junior colleges of the state and it follows that it is essential in the higher college set-up, provided that the necessity for such institutions is accepted as a premise. The main argument for the college plan is that advanced education would be made accessible to those who cannot afford to go away from their homes to attend school. But to carry that idea to its logical conclusion it would be necessary to found enough colleges to bring them within easy transportation distance of all parts of the state. Young people of the valley would find it little or no cheaper to attend college in Sacramento than in Berkeley. By all means if there is to be a potlach of educational appropriations, let's tuck in our napkins and pull up our chairs.—Appeal-Democrat.

MINE INCOME TAX RETURNS EXPLAINED

BY MISS ALICE MOORE

(Continued from last week)

Of special interest to mines and timber property is the specific provision (article 237, reg. 77) that in their case depreciation of plant and equipment may be taken upon any one of the following bases:

1. The physical life of the plant and equipment.

2. The economic life of the deposit or timber in years.

3. The rate of exhaustion of the deposit or timber.

In other words, the government recognizes the fact that usually a mine office, for instance, is of no value after the mine is worked out, even though the building may be very far from worn out. The third alternative allows the tax payer to take depreciation in proportion to the amount of ore or timber removed.

Of interest to mines also is the provision (Art. 235, reg., 77) that expenditures for plant and equipment necessary to maintain the normal output solely because of the recession of the working faces of the mine, and which (1) do not increase the value of the mine, or (2) do not decrease the cost of production of mineral units or (3) do not represent replacements of property on which depreciation has been taken, shall be deducted as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

This recognizes the practice of many mines of charging off all or most standard underground equipment to expense as it is bought, even though individual units may be in use for several years.

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There is a space that must be filled
Upon my parlor wall;
Prepare a canvass ten by twelve—
No other size will do,
And as an accent for the room,
Brush in a mass of blue.

Select the subject for yourself,
I really do not care;
Oh well, a group of ragged trees,
Or rustic thoroughfare.
I chose the frame a week ago,
It's arty and refined;
The best match for my color scheme
That I could hope to find.

Dad had a Whistler in that space,
A rather clever thing,
He treasured it and to it still
His fancies seem to cling;
Its chiaroscure and its size
Made havoc of the wall,
And with my bright new color scheme
It wouldn't do at all.

Poor dad, he used to buy his pics
For their intrinsic worth,
And some of them were sent to him
From far parts of the earth;
He lived with them and loved them well,
They gave him daily joy;
But they are in the closet now—
This balance thing—oh boy!

—A. Merriam Conner.

WEEKLY COMMENT

BY

Christian Andersen

Bellowy baritones, gymnastic violinsts, sad solo cellists all bore me.

I am not wise enough to discuss the right or wrong, good or bad of Rooseceltian policies or plans. However one must admire his way of getting things done. Again we have the spectacle of labor attempting to force the wage scales into the relief program instead of the fifty dollar security scale. Well, according to the constitution we may pursue happiness in our own way, and there are those who still believe the way to pursue this elusive element is at the expense of the other fellows.

If I plant a tree or brush and it does not respond to careful cultivation, or show signs of reasonable growth, I usually dig it up and plant some other stock in its place.

Watching violinists doing rapid pizzicato, fascinates me.

Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court evidenced his liberal tendencies the other day, when with four others he upheld the government in the now famous Gold Case. While he has perhaps never been a so-called "standpatter," his leanings were not noted as being liberal.

While some day I, myself, will be eligible for the so-called old age pension, nevertheless, I cannot bring myself to believe that the amount should be $200. Rather would I be willing to have $100, because I do not feel that the burden should be be made any heavier than is necessary for comfort and security.

Came a knock on the door and there was a stranger who introduced himself as Mr. Connelly, head of the King Features Syndicate, "yes Mr. Connolly, come in." "Mr. Andersen, we have been noticing your column in the Nevada City Nugget, and we believe you have enough speed to write for us so I came to sign you up. What do you say"? Rudely someone awakened me from this, my most cherished dream and eve nin a dream I'd like to have heard his offer.

Those sad looking, serious faced doctors who peer from the pages of magazines giving their professional O. K. to yeast ads.

Some day maybe I will promote a dance, the orchestra will play only dance tunes from the old masters, not even the whisper of Jazz, it might not pay but it would be fun.

The slot machine racket has lately sustained severe losses in all parts of the country, officers have, in many cases confiscated and destroyed thousands of the illegal machines. The Sierra County District Attorney forced them out of his county on February 15, none were smashed but they were taken out on trucks by their owners.

OLD DUMP IS WORKED

Alfred Kistle and sons, Charles and Everett Kistle, and son-in-law. Joe Steiger, of Nevada City, are working the old dump and cleaning out the old stopes on the mining ground of E. J. N. Ott, in Willow Valley. Ore is being crushed under five stamps of the 10 stamp mill on the property.

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The Journey of the Flame is a narrative told by Don Juan Obregon, offspring of an Irish sailor and and a Spanish girl, on his one-hundredth birthday.

Guests have arrived at the old man's hacienda; and after a feast of barbecued bull, the centenarian starts with an account of his poverty-stricken childhood and how at the age of eleven he killed his first enemy, a robber of the Mission church at San Jose del Arroyo, in lower California. For the good of young Obregon, his grandfather gives him a white mule and makes it possible for the boy to accompany the Governor of the Californias, his wife, children, soldiers, servants, and cattle, all the way to the Mission on the bay of San Francisco.

This journey, with stops for resting, hunting, fishing, Indian fighting and visiting of Missions, requires nearly two years to make. The aged Spaniard, however, gives detailed account of but one year's travel. He tells of his service to the Governor's family and his ultimate reward of a land grant, when he was but thirteen years old. He tells how his white mule saved an entire pack train from destruction, and how the mule drivers risked life and limb to save their animals, when one false step would mean death to them all.

The old man gives an interesting and no doubt authentic account of the part played by the Spanish explorers and Mission Padres in this new land. He tells over sun-baked deserts or swam rivers, dashed through storms of poison Indian arrows, sparing neither himself nor his mount, thinking only that the letters he carried must reach their destination on time.

"If the horse fell dead or his mule died," old Juan tells his friends, "he ran on foot with his letter-bag, and from the first person he met, were that one official, priest or rich man, he took his mount and galloped on without even a backward glance at him thus left on foot."

Practically every character in this book stands out red-blooded and alive. Our only criticism is the fatt that Don Obregon's story is too long for one session. Perhaps it was broken up; his guests may have gone to bed and returned next day to hear more of it. But if this were true, the author gives no hint. He might have patterned his yarn after that remarkable story. Youth, by Conrad, in which the audience is given a rest from time to time by the simple expedient of one of them saying, "Pass the bottle."

From the first page to the last the reader is gripped by the spirit of adventure, romance, courage, pathos, and humor. **The Journey of the Flame**, by Antonio de Fierro Blanco Publisher, Houghton Mifflin. Englished by Walter de Steiguer and illustrated in wood-blocks by Alfredo Ramon Martinez.

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BIG TRAILER AT WORK

L. W. Lobdell, of this city, has just purchased a 16-ton Pike semi trailer, and it was on display in Nevada City this week. Mr. Lobdell hauls many tons of concentrates, mine machinery and equipment for local mines and the big, new, red truck will be used principally in hauling concentrates from the Lava Cap mine.

APARTMENT HOUSE

Rapid strides are being made in erection of the apartment house of O. Knudson at the corner of Factory and Spring streets, and it will be completed in a short time, under Contractor Lawrence Smith. The two apartments upstairs are to be finished in panel effect while the two downstairs apartments are to be plastered.

William Carey, in charge of the CCC camp at White Cloud, saw a mountain lion near camp a few days ago. His dog took after it and three days later returned not looking up to his usual self.

WASHINGTON NEWS

By MRS. CLYDE COLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Mrs. H. O. Kohler returned to her home Sunday after a week's visit at Pleasant Valley with relatives.

Mr. Marttin Vanberg and son Robert, spent Saturday and Sunday at the Artic mine.

Mr. Lucian Eaves and family, of Sonora, have rented the Williamson house in Washington. Mr. Eaves will be employed at the Spanish mine.

Mr. Bert Harding superintendent of the Spanish mine and his family spent the last week end out of town on business.

Mrs. Chas. Foster, of the Washington Grocery, has as her guest her sister Mrs. Silva and her son Jimmy of Oakland. They arrived Sunday.

The children from the Spanish mine returned to school Monday. On account of weather conditions and bad roads they have been unable to attend school regularly for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Haverstock drove from Washington via Tahoe-Ukiah highway to Emigrant Gap and Lincoln highway to Colfax and returned to Washington Sunday. They report the highway open and the roads in splendid condition for this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burrows of the Eagle Bird mine, were visiting friends in Washington on Saturday.

Clyde Cole and Milton Schwartz were in Nevada City Monday on business.

Chas. E. Stewart, of the Giant King mine, was in town yesterday. Mr. Stewart hopes to get his car out from the mine in a few days. There is still deep snow on the road between the mine and Washington.

DEER CREEK UNION MINING CO.

Five men are cleaning out the old drain tunnel at the deer Creek Union Mining Company property southeast of Nevada City on little Deer Creek. Work of clearing shrubberv away for cabin sites, and a start on the cabins, is going forward at present. John Rust is resident manager.

NO. 2175
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING SALE OF MINING PROPERTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLINE TURNER, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Wm. B. Celio and C. H. Cobb, executors of the estate of Caroline Turner, deceased, have filed their verified petition praying for an order authorizing and directing them to enter into an agreement with J. R. Stevenson, for the sale and purchase of certain mining property belonging to the estate hereinafter described; and that Friday, the 15th day of March, 1935, at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day at the court room of said court, in the city of Nevada, county of Nevada, state of California, has been set for the hearing of said petition and all persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the time and place set for said hearing and show cause, if any they have, why the order should not be made.

Reference is hereby made to the said petition on file with the clerk of the court for further particulars as to the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement for sale and purchase.

Said mining property is described as follows, to wit:

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Personal

Mrs. A. Pratti was taken to the Nevada City Sanitarium Saturday evening by the Holmes ambulance service for an emergency treatment in a severe sick spell. She expects to return home today.

Charles Meyers, employed at the Alaska mine, north of Nevada City, spent last week end at his home on Gold Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Nye Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Young, and Billie Hatch motored to Hamilton City on Washington's birthday and visited Mr. Johnson's parents. They returned home by way of Colusa and Marysville.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Legg entertained a group of guests at their home on Nevada street over the week end. The following friends of Tom Legg, who is a student at Junior College, were among the group: Allan Schuler, William Strubel, and Francis Hamblyn, of Berkeley, and Fred and Bob Diggles of Sacramento. Mr .and Mrs. Bradley Legg, were also home for the week end.

Byron L. Eastman, who is interested in an option on the General Grant mine in the Indian Springs district below Grass Valley, returned from a trip to southern California Sunday evening. Mr. Eastman stated the more he sees of other mining sections the more he thinks of this territory.

Mr. Charles Eden, who underwent a serious operation at the Nevada City Sanitarium a few days ago, is getting along nicely, which will be good news to his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Geroux and son and daughter, of Oakland, spent the week end and Washington's birthday in Nevada City visiting Mrs. Nancy James and family on Lost Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guenther and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson, all of Los Angeles, motored up Friday evening and spent the week end in this city with Mr. Guenther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guenther.

O. H. Gilbert, of Plum Valley Inn, was a Nevada City visitor Friday. He states the road is rough but passable. Four men engaged in building a power line from Pike City to the Delhi mine, are staying at Plum Valley Inn while the work is goin on.

E. H. Tucker has just returned from a business trip to Globe, Arizona.

Will Meyers motored over from Willows Thursday and accompanied Clifford Merriam to Cisco where they spent the week end and enjoyed the snow sports at the Auburn Ski Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. DeMati and Carl Hieronimous, all of San Francisco, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hieronimous of this city. Mrs. Ferry is a sister of Mrs. Hieronimous and Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hieronimous, and is attending college in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tourtellotte of Big Creek are spending a few days at their new home in Willow Valley.

John Welch and sister, Miss Bertha Welch, of Selma, are visiting Mrs. Will Davis, their cousin, in Willow Valley.

Dr. and Mrs. Tully C. Knoles, of Stockton, will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parsons this evening.

Miss Helen Arbogast, student at the College of the Pacific, Stockton, spent Washington's birthday and the week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cary S. Arbogast.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, of North San Juan, spent the week end in Sacramento. Mr. Miller returned Sunday night, Mrs. Miller remained o spend some time with her mother, Mrs. J. Petralli, of Sacramento, who has just returned from the hospital after undergoing an operation.

Mrs. Will Buffington returned Saturday from a visit with her sister in San Francisco. She was aboard the largest warship in the U. S. Fleet, the U. S. S. Saratoga and also visited the New York and the Texas which are now in San Francisco bay.

BOY SCOUTS WILL MEET TONIGHT TO PLAN RALLY

There will be a Boy Scout meeting at 7:00 o'clock this evening when further plans will be made for the Scout Rally on March 2 at Roseville. It is expected 20 boys will attend the meeting and all that can are urged to make the trip. At this meeting Albert Pratti, of the local scouts, will be advanced to Eagle Scout.

WARMING UP FOR BASEBALL

Early baseball practice at the high school has been going on for a week or so. About half the expected squad has turned out so far. The ranks of the young baseballers will be greatly increased when the basketball season is over, as a number of the boys now out for basketball will come out for Babe Ruth's sport.

Those who have shown up for practice so far are: Lloyd Haddy, Bill Mullis, Walt Mullis, Earl Chatfield, Norman Chatfield, Bob Schiffner, Harley Leete, Don Bosworth, Don Budi, Artie Cartiscelli, Bill Foyer, Jim Stephens, and Curtis Clark.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, of San Francisco, made a business visit to French Corral over the week end. Mr. Reed came to see Mr. Frank Miller concerning some mining interests.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Forty Campfire Girls Enjoy Snow Sports

A group of 40 Camp Fire Girls, accompanied by Mrs. E. D. Green, guardian and nurse, and Miss Rhea Rupert, Camp Fire director, came up from Piedmont Thursday evening and spent Washington's birthday and the week end at Camp Augusta on Lake Vera. Each afternoon was spent up on the Tahoe Ukiah highway where a glorious time of snow sports delighted them. Those making the trip were:

Misses Edith Nott, Mary Elizabeth Finlayson, Paula Hughson, Barbara Shand, Janet Davidson, Virginia Wood, Blanche Bopp, Juliet Baxter, Betty Ann Higgins, Marion Hughes, Jean Dunham, Natalie Fraser, Barbara Mikel, Ann Blackaller Patty Hassler, Patsy Nelson, Barbara Manners, Charlotte Barker, Betty Magee, Emmy Lou Fitzmaurice, Jean Merriam, Mary Jane Moyer, Mary Haynes, Verna Ogburn, Eugenia Beams, Helen Band, Janet Scott, J. Webber, Mary Bell, Betty Whitehurst.

Sisters Celebrate Birthdays of Cousins

Miss Alice Langman and Mrs. Libby Shields entertained at a most delightful dinner on Washington's birthday honoring their cousins, Charles Guenther and Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson, whose birthdays fell on Saturday and Sunday.

Banner Mt. Auxiliary Holds Initiation

Banner Mt. Post, V. F. W., Auxiliary initiated two candidates, Mrs. Mildred Tobiassen and Mrs. Nettie Sandow, into their order Friday evening. A program by different members who gave readings on George Washington proved interesting. Mrs. Nettie Snadow, new member, won the mystery box. The next meeting will be a public card party on March 8.

Mr. Ed May, of French Corral, spent the week end in Sacramento.

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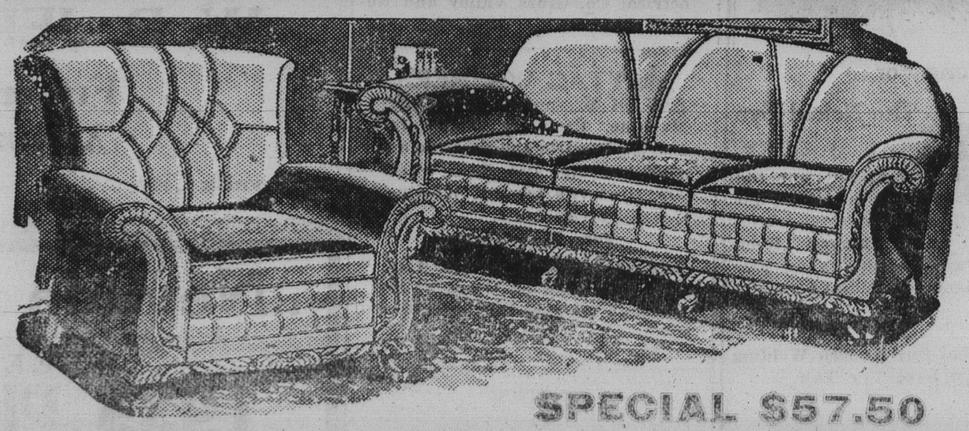

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